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SPAWAR Employee Wins Procurement Excellence Award

Department of the Navy Recognizes Program's Innovation

SAN DIEGO – A Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command contracting officer earned a Department of the Navy Competition and Procurement Excellence Award for fiscal year 2004, according to a March 17 message to the fleet from Secretary of the Navy Gordon England.

The award recognizes military and civilian personnel in the Department of the Navy who have made the most outstanding contributions to the effectiveness of competition in Navy and Marine Corps procurement.

Mark Schweer won the award for his work on the \$320 million Major Services Acquisition program. Schweer's innovation led to many key improvements, including increased small business participation, employment of performance based services acquisition initiatives, and partnership with industry to develop and implement the program. SPAWAR has begun sharing its MSA innovative practices with other Navy acquisition commands.

"The procurement decisions made by these professionals help shape the Navy and Marine Corps team as it moves into a new era," Secretary England stated in the message. "As a result of the hard work and dedication of these award winners and all others in the acquisition workforce, our Sailors and Marines benefit in terms of a higher state of material readiness, improved quality and more effective mission accomplishment."

About the SPAWAR Enterprise (<http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil>)

Headquartered in San Diego, SPAWAR's Office of the Chief Engineer designs the architecture and standards for FORCEnet, the Navy's vision for network centric warfare and an essential element of the Chief of Naval Operations Sea Power 21 philosophy. SPAWAR's organizational partners – the Program Executive Office (PEO) C4I and Space, PEO Space Systems, PEO Information Technology and Director, NMCI – acquire, align and field more than 100 C4I programs and projects to help make FORCEnet a reality. Together, the commands lay the foundation for dramatic increases in current and future readiness while simultaneously implementing FORCEnet and a new era in warfighting capabilities.

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